1	2	3
8.	Sholapur	170
9.	Pune	164
10.	Lucknow	161

Source: Data as reported by CPCB/SPCBs/NEERI/Agencies under NAMP.

Note: National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Residential Areas (Annual average) for $S0_2$, $N0_2$ and RSPM=60 microgramme per cubic metre.

Reduction of Forest Area of U.P. due to bifurcation of States

†1658. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made a plan to declare certain areas as reserve forest area after identification of certain new areas;

(b) whether forest cover of Uttar Pradesh has been reduced due to inclusion of its certain forest area in Uttaranchal;

(c) Government's plan to compensate Uttar Pradesh in this regard; and

(d) The total amount allotted to Uttar Pradesh towards afforestation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Provision exists under Section 4 to 20 Indian Forest Act, 1927 to declare any identified land as reserved forest.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following state funded and centrally sponsored schemes for afforestation are in operation in Uttar Pradesh:

- Social Forestry (State funded)
- Industrial Pulpwood Plantation (State funded)
- Plantation on degraded forest land (State funded)

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- Plantation schemes funded by UP Forest Corporation.
- National Afforestation Programme (Central Govt, funded)
- Revine Stabilization Project (European Community).

(d) The financial allocation for plantations in UP for 2004-2005 is Rs. 5190.06 lakhs.

Creation of Forest Development Agencies for Wasteland Afforestation

1659. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that green cover area in the country is depleting year after year;

(b) if so, the area under green cover during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether various schemes with Central Grants have been proposed for conservation and augmentation of forest cover;

(d) if so, the details with grants released during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(e) whether Kamataka Government has requested for financial support for creation of Forest Development Agencies for wastelands afforestation, bamboo development programme, etc., through Village Forests Committees; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and Centre's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):(a) and (b) No Sir. Forest Survey of India assesses the forest cover of the country on **a** two-year cycle using satellite data. As per the last three State of Forest Reports of 1997, 1999 and 2001, the forest cover in the country has shown an overall increase as under:

Assessment Year	Forest Cover	percent
1997	633,397 km2	19.27%
1999	637,293 km2	19.39%
2001	675,538 km2	20.55%